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DISTRICT COUNCIL

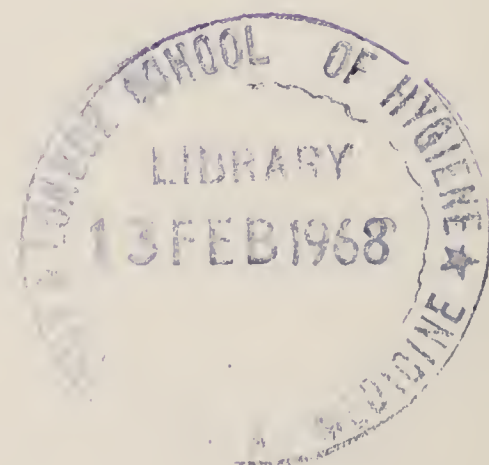
ANNUAL REPORT



OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
SURVEYOR and PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1962



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Rebow Chambers,
Colchester.

26th July, 1963.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,


I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on
the Health and Vital Statistics of the District for the
year 1962.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my
appreciation of the support of members of the Council and for
the co-operation of the staff.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. A. HARGRELVES,
Medical Officer of Health.



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STAFF

Medical Officer of Health - E. A. FARGRAVES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., (Time shared with two neighbouring authorities, and the County Council.)

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor. - D. F. SWEETING, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Water Engineer. - F. Parker. (until 31.3.62)

COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH.

Public Health Committee - Chairman Councillor W. G. Loveless.

Highways and Waterworks Committee - Chairman Councillor P. J. Chaney.

Housing Committee - Chairman Councillor W. J. Bull.

Finance Committee - Chairman Councillor E. A. Hure.

Chairman of Council - Councillor W. J. Cracknell.

Clerk to the Council - W. Trickett, A.C.C.S.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (acres)	.. .. .	1961	..	1,495
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	1962	..		2,750
				3,050
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1962) according to				
	Rate Book			1,170
Rateable Value	.. .. .			£26,471
Sum represented by a penny rate	.. .. .			£101

The district is situated on the east bank of the River Colne where its water are tidal. It is about four miles down the river from Colchester, and it is also on the main line from London to Clacton-on-Sea. Local industries are shipbuilding, general engineering, agriculture, canning and clothing manufacture. It is also a small yachting and fishing centre. Half the working population find their employment outside the district.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS
OF THE YEAR

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(all	26	31	57
Live Births (legitimate	24	31	55
(illegitimate	2	0	2
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	..	..	13.8
Comparability factor .. .. .	..	..	1
Corrected rate .. .. .	..	..	13.8
England and Wales .. .. .	..	..	18
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(all	0	0	0
Still-births (legitimate	0	0	0
(illegitimate	0	0	0
Still-birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births			0
England and Wales .. .. .	..	..	18.1
Total births .. .. .	..	..	57
(all			1
Infant Deaths (legitimate			1
(illegitimate			0
In first week - All .. .. .	..	..	1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .. .. .	..	..	17.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .. .. .	..	..	17.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. .. .		..	0
	(illegitimate		0
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate			17.8
	(all		17.5
	(legitimate		17.8
Early neonatal mortality rate (first week) per (illegitimate			0
1,000 related births (all			17.5
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births plus deaths during			17.5
first week per 1,000 total live and still-births)			
Percentage of illegitimate live births			3.5%
Maternal deaths			0
Maternal mortality rate			0
Total Deaths <u>M</u> - 19 <u>F</u> - 15 <u>TOTAL</u> - 34.			
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population			11.2
Comparability factor			.96
Corrected death rate			10.8
England and Wales			11.9

Deaths in various age groups (local statistics).

0 - 1 year	1	35 - 45 years	1
1 - 2 years	0	45 - 55 years	0
2 - 5 years	0	55 - 65 years	9
5 - 15 years	0	65 - 75 years	8
15 - 25 years	0	75 and over	17
24 - 35 years	0		

Causes of Death

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lumphatic neoplasms	1	2	3
Diabetes	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	1	3
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
Coronary disease, angina	7	2	9
Other heart disease	1	3	4
Other circulatory disease	2	2	4
Influenza	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined disease	2	0	2
Accidents	1	0	1
All causes -	19	15	34

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 - 51

No action under this Act was necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Details of the cases of infectious disease notified are shown below:

Lobon pneumonia 1 Whooping Cough 1

Total number of infectious disease cases - 2.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities

Pathological specimens are sent to the laboratory at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester.

Samples of water are sent to the Public Health Laboratory Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, when a bacteriological analysis is required, and to the Counties Public Health Laboratory, 66, Victoria Street, London S.W.1 when a chemical or complete analysis is required.

Samples of food and ice cream etc., are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich.

Ambulance Facilities.

Non-emergency calls are not accepted from the general public.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency it is merely necessary to lift the receiver and ask for ambulance.

If there is a dialling system in operation, dial "999" "0" or "01" and ask for ambulance.

HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics.
 Maternity and child welfare service
 Nursing in the home
 Mental Welfare.
 Vaccination and immunisation against
 diphtheria and whooping cough.
 Provision of nursing equipment and
 apparatus.
 School Health Service.

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics are held at the Health Services Clinic, Culver Street, Colchester at 2.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Infant welfare clinics are held at the St. John's Ambulance (Wivenhoe) Headquarters on first and third Tuesdays at 1.45 pm.

Assistance from the Home Help Service is obtained by communicating with the Area Organiser, Area Office, Trinity Street, Colchester. Telephone Colchester 6251, Ext. 3

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

Tuberculosis - The Chest Clinic is situated at St. Mary's Hospital Colchester. Consultations are held daily by appointment.

V.D. - Sessions are held at the Essex County Hospital at the following times:-

Mondays 5 - 7pm for Males and Females.

Fridays 2.30 - 5.30pm for Females and Children.
3.30 - 4.30pm for Males.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Water Supply. For only three months of this year had the Council any responsibility as Statutory Water Undertakers, as on the 1st April this duty was handed over to the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company. This is in accordance with the Government's Policy for larger authorities (Companies or Boards) controlling this very important public supply service. To assist in the change-over, the Council allowed one of the staff of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company to work with the Water Engineer, from mid-January until the 31st March.

A further 225 yards of 4" asbestos water main has been laid on the Vine Farm Estate, which almost completes the supply to stage III of this development. 34 - $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 3 - $\frac{5}{8}$ " connections were made to properties. The average daily consumption in the first three months of the year was 91,340 gallons (estimated un-metered), and 9,867 gallons (metered), making a total average daily consumption of 101,207 gallons, serving an estimated population of 3,030 - total average per head 33.4 gallons per day.

Sewage and Sewerage Disposal. The overloading of the works increased again this year, but for the construction of humus tanks the poor effluent would have been very much worse. The use of one of the sludge drying beds for the humus tank construction has, and will, aggravate the sludge drying difficulties until the flow into the works is reduced to its designed capacity.

The joint scheme with Colchester has been prepared and was submitted to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government in the latter part of the year. No indication has yet been given by the Ministry concerning a public or private inquiry.

The major portion of the sewage works site has been levelled, including the filling in of the brick kiln, to enable the grass to be cut by machine.

At the end of the year, some 11 yards of 9" concrete pipe were laid in Ernest Road, which will later form part of the Colchester Diversion Sewer. This work was carried out to avoid early disturbances of the road which was being made up under the Highways Act, Private Street Works.

A complaint which originated several years ago concerning foul drainage being discharged by the Sailing Club Hard was again investigated. After uncovering wooden ducting in the river mud and on the Quay Road, a source of the pollution was located, and since joining the drainage from this surface water drain into the foul system, no further complaints have been received.

Public Cleansing. The same routine of collection has been maintained as in previous years. Partial sorting and incineration has again been adopted, resulting in a more compact and manageable tip face. At the end of the year the 6yds, side loading refuse vehicle was replaced by a 12 yds fore and aft tipping vehicle. This should give a more hygienic method of collection and the increased capacity enable greater time to be given to collection, rather than transportation of the refuse from house to tip. The collection of paper salvage improved slightly, and it is hoped that more facilities for storage and poster display on the new refuse vehicle will increase this service, which does give employment for the men on wet days (baling) together with some financial benefit.

The eastern area of the tip has been covered and levelled with top soil, and preparatory work has commenced for the making of a roadway from the gate along the northern side of the tip to the tipping area.

Petroleum Storage, Moveable Dwelling and Houseboats. The renewal of licences as previous issued were granted for the storage of petroleum, use of moveable dwelling and houseboats.

Council house maintenance. 624 inspections were made, and again most of the maintenance including painting, was carried out by direct labour. It was however decided later in the year, that the external painting of houses be put out to Contract to free the limited direct labour force for other work.

Housing. Growth of the town has continued at last years rate, development being mainly on two estates, Vine Farm and Broomfield. 104 dwellings were completed, and at the end of the year 97 dwellings were under construction. No additions were made to the number of Council Dwellings.

Amenities at Britannia Court (Flatlets for older persons) have been improved by the laying of a lawn and rose bed, provision of three wooden seats and the installation of a pre-paid coin box telephone.

Approval was given to 13 applications for standard grants and £1,266 were paid to owners of 10 properties for works completed. This shows a slight increase on last year - applications 3 and payments £127.

New Buildings. 140 plans for new buildings or alterations were deposited. All plans except one were approved under the Public Health Act, the exception being for the erection of a building over the line of a main sewer. 329 visits were paid to works in progress.

Roads. The Council's labour force carried out routine repairs and maintenance. Further lengths of concrete road have been laid on the two private estate developments. No progress has been made with the completion of any of the roads to a suitable standard for the Council to take over.

Snow clearing was necessary in the first week of the year, and with the aid of a borrowed trailer towed by the Council's tractor the job of gritting and clearance was speeded up. During the year a tipping trailer was purchased which will greatly assist in this and many other jobs.

In January, at Lexden & Winstree Magistrates Court the Appeal against the Council's Spion Kop roads scheme was heard, when the Magistrates ruled that the scheme be modified only in regard to the soakaways. In June the Contractors commenced these road-works. Unfortunately, mainly due to shortage of labour and the wet weather of the latter months of the year, progress has been slower than anticipated.

An order has been placed for further improvements to street lighting, 10 additional lights and 5 replacements for old fittings. The lighting of the new roads on Vine Farm Estate has continued as the houses became occupied, but the developers of the Broomfield Estate have not yet started on this part of their agreement with the Council.

Enquiries were made to two firms for the provision of litter bins free of charge subject to their use for advertising purposes, these proved unsuccessful and a standard pattern of bin was approved for future purchasing. Four bins were bought as replacements during the year.

Food. One complaint concerning a baby food was received, which upon investigation was not a question of unfitness, but loss of taste due to pro-longed storage. The Manufacturers were notified and the shopkeeper's stock was immediately replaced.

Bees. During the summer months, several swarms of bees in gardens and on dwellings, were removed with the help of a local bee keeper.

Town Clock. Both faces of the clock in the Church Tower have been re-painted and gilded.

Prevention of damage by Pests Act 1949.

Properties inspected	37
Major infestation (common rat) found	1
Minor infestation (common rat) found	20
Ship rat infestation found	Nil
Mice infestation found	5
Infested properties treated	25
Block control treatments	Nil
Notices served under Section 4	Nil

Recreational facilities,- Playing Fields. Improvements in the banking by the football pitch and levelling of uneven areas were carried out. A greater area of grass was regularly cut with the tractor mounted machine. The brick wall along the southern boundary which had become dangerous was lowered from over 7ft to 2ft, and made safe.

Office Arrangements. The inadequacy of the office accommodation has been discussed by the Council, and preliminary proposals agreed for the extension of the existing building. These proposals include a new Council Chamber on the first floor with new offices for the Clerk and Surveyor on the ground floor.

Analysis of Inspections.

Public Health Act	343	Playing Fields	164
Housing Act	71	Cemetery	98
Water	180	Churchyard	47
Council house maintnce.	624	Roads	232
New Buildings	929	Salvage	17
Sewers	229	Allotments	17
Drain Tests	209	Miscellaneous	56
Refuse	132	Houseboats	4
Street Cleansing	56	Town & Country Planning	
Street Lighting	124	Acts	39
		Food premises	3

Moveable dwellings	2	Quay Shelter & Seats	7
Town Ditch	10	Housing Applications	1
Private Street Works	112	Petroleum Acts	16
Factories	7	Shops Act	3
Post Act	6	Highways Act	3
Public Conveniences	19		

Notices Served:

Public Health Act (Informal)	Served	80
" " " "	Abated	85
" " " (Formal)	Served	2
" " " "	Abated	2
Highways Act (Informal)	Served	1
" " " "	Abated	1
Housing Act (Formal)	Served	3
" " " "	Abated	1
Factory Act (Informal)	Served	1
" " " "	Abated	1
Petroleum Acts (Informal)	Served	2
" " " "	Abated	2

Factories Act 1937 - 59 Routine inspections have been made during the year, as follows:-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	1	-
2. Factories not included in 1 in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	9	3	1
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	4	3	-

Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective	1	1
Outwork	-	-

